

REMARKS

Indefiniteness Rejections

Applicants do not understand the rejection of claim 1 and other dependent claims as indefinite for the use of term “comprises”. After careful review, Applicants are unable to find this term in any of these claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 18, 30, 42-43 and 47-48 have been amended to replace “linear” with “alkylene”. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of these claims as indefinite be withdrawn. Claim 43 has been further amended to correct a spelling error in “pyrimidylmethyl”.

Applicants do not understand the rejection of claim 1 and others as being confusing as to the term “anilinyll”. After careful review of claim 15, it appears clear that the point of attachment is through nitrogen. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of these claims as indefinite be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 1 and other claims for the recitation of M as “or a pharmaceutical cation”. It is unimportant to these claims what might be appended to the second valence of a divalent cation as long as it is pharmaceutically acceptable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of these claims as indefinite be withdrawn.

Claim 7 has been amended to remove the term “about”. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 7 as indefinite be withdrawn.

Claim 10 has been amended to end with a period. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 10 as indefinite be withdrawn.

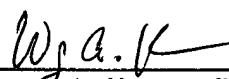
Prior Art Rejections

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 30-33, 35-37 and 44 as either anticipated by or obvious over Kurihara et al. or Kukkola et al. Claim 30 requires that the nitrogen of the main formula be attached to "W" by a 2-6 carbon alkylene group. In Kurihara et al., the nitrogen is directly attached to the counterpart of Applicants' "W". In Kukkola et al., the nitrogen is attached to the carbonyl carbon (an embodiment of "W") by a methylene group. Thus, neither of these references teaches or suggests the 2-6 carbon alkylene group of the rejected claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes that any discussion of this communication would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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